English Middle School for Girls at Mavelikara.

53 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the strength of the English Middle School for Girls at Mavelikara is at present ; and

(*b*) whether they have considered the question of amalgamating this school with the Government English High School at Mavelikara ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON :

(*a*) 80 as at the end of 1113.

(*b*) The question is under consideration.

Thennalloor-Athukattukulangara road.

54. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long it is since work was begun for the construction of the Thennalloor-Athukattukulangara road (beginning from the 65th mile stone of the M. C. road and joining at the 11th mile stone of the Kayamkulam-Adoor road) ;

(*b*) whether any work is done this year for the completion of the road ; and

(*c*) if not why ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT :

(*a*) The construction of the road was begun in the year 1111 and the culverts were completed in the same year.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) For want of funds.

Working hours of the Arrack and Toddy Shops.

55. * MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state whether from 1936 onwards, the working hours of the arrack and toddy shops are extended from 8 P. M. to 9 P. M.?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know from Government whether the change in the working hours has increased the number of drunkards or minimised it?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : I cannot give the information called for by the honourable member.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Did the Government make the change on their own initiative or on the recommendation from somebody else ?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : It was on the specific recommendation of the Excise Commissioner.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the reason which prompted him to make this recommendation ?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : Sales begin usually at 7 P. M ; it was thought 8 P. M. too early an hour to close the shop.

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